



Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- ⇒ Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- ⇒ Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry.
- ⇒ Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- ⇒ Make sure the exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year clean lint out of the vent pipe.
- ⇒ Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure the gas line and connection are intact.
- ⇒ Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- ⇒ Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- ⇒ Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

AND DON'T  
FORGET...

*DRYERS SHOULD BE PROPERLY  
GROUNDED.*

*KEEP THE AREA AROUND  
YOUR DRYER CLEAR OF THINGS  
THAT CAN BURN, LIKE BOXES,  
CLEANING SUPPLIES AND  
CLOTHING.*

*CLOTHES THAT HAVE COME IN  
CONTACT WITH FLAMMABLE  
SUBSTANCES, LIKE GASOLINE,  
PAINT THINNER, OR SIMILAR  
SOLVENTS SHOULD BE LAID  
OUTSIDE TO DRY, THEN CAN BE  
WASHED AND DRIED AS USUAL.*

### **FACT**

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.